GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating a national integrated scheme to prevent trafficking in women and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of incidents of trafficking in women and children during the last three years till date, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the action taken to rehabilitate such women and children and to check the illegal practice of human trafficking?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the National Human Rights Commission and National Commission for Women are working in collaboration to draft an Integrated Plan of Action to Prevent and Combat Human Trafficking with Special Focus on Children and Women.

(c) As per statistics compiled by the National Crime Record Bureau, the State/ Union Territory wise incidents of trafficking registered under Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 (provisional) were as at Annexure.

(d) The Ministry of Women and Child Development runs Swadhar Shelter Homes which provide shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, counseling, rehabilitation and other facilities to trafficked victims.

The various steps being taken by the Government to combat trafficking are:-

(i) A Central Advisory Committee (CAC) on implementation of IT(P) Act is functioning at Central level in the Ministry of Women & Child Development, which is represented by States as well as Central Organizations and NGOs etc. The CAC holds quarterly meetings. Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act is in the process of being amended to make it more stringent against traffickers.

(ii) The Ministry of Home Affairs has set up a Nodal Cell to coordinate, matters relating to trafficking in human beings between the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and other related Ministries etc. and organize co-ordination meetings to review and sensitize Police Officers of the States/Union Territories on the subject.

(iii) The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has prepared a training manual on "Human Trafficking Handbook for Investigators" for use in the Police Training Institutes.

(iv) BPR&D is organizing regional anti-trafficking workshops for sensitizing police personnel towards the safety and security of women. Several workshops have been held in various cities till date.

(v) The Ministry of Women & Child Development is also implementing a pilot project to combat trafficking of women and children.